## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Cancelled).
- 2. (Cancelled).



3. (Currently amended). A composite magnetic material, comprising a ferrite powder and a resin, wherein said ferrite is a spinel type ferrite having a composition represented by

$$(NiO)_x(CoO)_y(MeO)_z(Fe_2O_3)_{1-x-y-z}$$

wherein

Me is at least one selected from the group consisting of Mg, Cu and Zn,

 $0.10 \le x \le 0.550$ ;

 $0.050 \le y \le 0.200$ ;

 $0 \le z \le 0.200$ ; and

 $0.400 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.600$ , and

wherein the ferrite powder has a particle size which permits each of the ferrite particles to remain a single domain particle.

- 4. (Currently amended). A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein x is 0.205-0.480, y is 0.50.05-0.1 and  $0.450 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.550$ .
- 5. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 4, wherein z is 0.
- 6. (Previously amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Mg and z > 0.
- 7. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Cu.

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8. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Zn.

9. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 8.

- 10. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 7.
- 11. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 6.
- 12. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 5.
- 13. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 4.
- 14. (Currently amended) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a <u>sintered</u> composite magnetic material according to claim 3.
  - 15. (Cancelled).
  - 16. (Cancelled).
- 17. (New) A composite ferrite material according to claim 3, wherein each of the ferrite particles has a particle size which does not exceed about 3 um.
- 18. (New) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 17.

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19. (New) A composite magnetic material, comprising a sintered combination of a ferrite powder and a resin, wherein said ferrite is a spinel type ferrite having a composition represented by

$$(NiO)_x(CoO)_y(MeO)_z(Fe_2O_3)_{1-x-y-z}$$

wherein

Me is at least one selected from the group consisting of Mg, Cu and Zn,

 $0.10 \le x \le 0.550$ ;

 $0.050 \le y \le 0.200$ ;

 $0 \le z \le 0.200$ ; and

 $0.400 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.600$ , and

wherein the ferrite powder has a particle size which permits each of the ferrite particles to remain a single domain particle.

- 20. (New) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein x is 0.205-0.480, y is 0.05-0.1 and  $0.450 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.550$ .
  - 21. (New) A composite magnetic material according to claim 4, wherein z is 0.
- 22. (New) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Mg and z > 0.
- 23. (New) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Cu.
- 24. (New) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Zn.
- 25. (New) A composite ferrite material according to claim 3, wherein each of the ferrite particles has a particle size which does not exceed about 3 um.